FAX NO. : 26459176

Oct. 21 2001 07:39PM P1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

A 12	
Applicant and Inventor	Ho Keung, TSE.
Filing Date Application Number Group Art Unit Examiner Postal Address	07/09/98 09/112,276 2132 Gilberto Barron Jr. P.O. Box 70492,
H.K. Tel & FAX Email	KLN Central Post Office, Hong Kong. (852) 8105, 1090 (852) 8105, 1091 19224@netscape.net

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. By Airmail & Fax

Sir,

Last Amendment Dated Oct., 20, 2001

This is my last amendment. That is, no further amendment unless response to Exceiners instructions or the like.

Pls amend claim 21 by using the accompanying replacement sheet 22.

This amendment & all previous amendments are filed by fax and airmail, pls ignore all airmailed amendments if the fax copies are good enough, to avoid unrecogning dalay, aspecially when USA is facing anthrax letter The amendment are, namely as:

Respectfully submitted,

Ho Keung, Tse.

1) Submission of New Claim 218 Amendment on Descripting

2) Amendment on Claim 18 Dated Oct, 17, 2001

3) Amendment on New Claim 21 Dated Oct., 19, 2001

4) Last Amendment Dated Oct., 20, 2001

The fax copies can be re-sent if necessary.

ROM : WANG FAI CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD

-22-

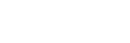
- 21. A method for verifying identity of a user of a data processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:
- a) receiving, by said data processing apparatus, information specific to a user and necessary for accessing an account of said user;
- b) verifying said account being valid, by an electronic transaction system, by use of said information received by said data processing apparatus;
- c) using by said data processing apparatus, a favourable result of said verification as a pre-condition for providing user access to at least a part of the functionality of said data processing apparatus;

wherein said steps a) to c) is being performed without charging said account and said at least a part of functionality being not related to said validity status of said account.

RECEIVED

GROUP 3600

Silvino Celan



-22-

21(Second Time Amended). A method for verifying identity of a user of a data processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving, by said data processing apparatus, information specific to a user and necessary for accessing an account of said user;
- b) verifying said account being valid, by an electronic transaction system, by use of said information received by said data processing apparatus;
- c) using by said data processing apparatus, a favourable result of said verification as a pre-condition for providing user access to at least a part of the functionality of said data processing apparatus;

wherein said [access] steps a) to c) is being [provided] performed without charging said account and said at least a part of functionality being not related to said validity status of said account.